Assistance for minor ports

559. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government grant financial assistance for development of minor ports under National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP);

(b) if so, the details of proposals received from various States for such assistance, proposals approved and grants released during the last five years, year-wise and state-wise;

(c) whether Karnataka has proposed development of Karwar and Malpe ports in view of their economic and tourism potential;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether only Malpe project has been cleared;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether Karwar project would be reconsidered for approval; and

(h) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (h) Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka has requested for inclusion of the projects for development of Malpe port and Karwar port in the National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP). Government of India has included in the NMDP one non-major port from each Maritime State for promotion of coastal shipping. From Karnataka, Malpe port has been included in the NMDP. According to the proposal, the selected minor ports are to be developed under a new proposed Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The above proposal is yet to be approved by the Government.

Delay in Delhi-Gurgaon expressway

560. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the completion of Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway project has failed once again in its time schedule;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when this project is likely to be completed;

(d) how much budgetary cost has been incurred due to delay in completion;

(e) whether Government would put blame on the private parties engaged in construction work and would also consider to share the burden of delayed cost; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?